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United States District Court

## C. WILLIAM POLLARD

1116 N. Stoddard Wheaton, II 60187 December 11, 2015

Honorable Thomas Durkin U.S. District Judge United States Courthouse Clerks Office 219 S. Dearborn St. Chicago, IL 60604

RE: U.S. v. Dennis Hastert, 15 CR 315

Dear Judge Durkin:

I am writing this letter to you as a friend of Dennis Hastert. I have known Speaker Hastert for over 30 years. During his years of service to our country as a Congressman from Illinois and then as his term as Speaker of the House of Representatives, he was known as a man of integrity – a person who you could trust.

While his current situation may reflect mistakes in how he structured withdrawals from his bank accounts, he is not a deceitful person.

The prosecution of this case has been a very painful experience for him and his family. As you come to this time of determining an appropriate sentence, I encourage you to consider his years of faithful and trustworthy service to our country. In light of his recent hospital stay, I would hope that probation in lieu of confinement would be considered in determining his sentence.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely, E. William Colmed

C. William Pollard Chairman Emeritus

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